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In re Patent Application of:

Karen J. Giroux

Application No.: 10/716577

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For: MEDICAL DEVICES EMPLOYING NOVEL

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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SECOND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 30, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification and replacement drawings. We understand from a telephone interview with the Office of Initial Patent Examination that the originally submitted specification and drawings had lines that may have been due to a photocopier malfunction. The replacement specification and drawings are the same as what was originally submitted, however, they do not have the extraneous lines that seem to have been created by the photocopier.

The Notice also states that the application fails to comply with the sequence listing rules found at 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. The specification, however, contains no amino acid sequences or nucleotide sequences. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are requested.

This response supplements the first response to the Notice of Missing Parts, which was mailed on January 27, 2005 with an executed declaration and power of attorney and the required fee for late submission of those items.

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No fee is believed due for the filing of this paper. If a fee is required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13640-00020.

Dated: October 4, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment;

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
 - Papers must be legibly written either by a typewriter or mechanical printer in permanent ink or its equivalent in portrait orientation on flexible, strong, smooth, nonshiny, durable, and white paper. Application papers must be presented in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing thereon to permit the direct reproduction of readily legible copies in any number by use of photographic, electrostatic, photo-offset, and microfilming processes and electronic reproduction by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition. Pages 1-115 are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a).
- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required submitted are not acceptable because:

- The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-3, 17. 37-39.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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